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Ed Bastian  
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Dear Mr. Bastian,

On April 1, nearly two weeks ago, I sent a letter requesting you specifically outline the provisions of Georgia's election integrity law which — as you stated in an internal memo and on national television — could make it harder for minorities in Georgia to exercise their right to vote. As I have yet to receive a reply, I write today to reiterate that request.

Americans deserve nothing less than confidence in our electoral system. My initial correspondence outlined why the election reforms in our home state actually ease access to the ballot while providing election integrity like:

- Increasing the number of days allowed for early voting to 17 days, with drop boxes, weekend voting, and expanded hours, as compared to:
  - Nine days for New York with varied hours;
  - No in-person early voting for Delaware;
  - No early voting or drop boxes for New Hampshire;
  - No early voting in Connecticut;
  - Only regular business hours for Pennsylvania and Rhode Island; and
  - No Sunday early voting in Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, and Colorado.
- Expanding access to the polls and ensuring integrity at the ballot box.
- Allowing for absentee voting for any reason (For reference, New York, New Hampshire, and Connecticut all require an excuse).
- Codifying and securing ballot drop boxes.

To be very clear: your position has fed into a narrative that is driving division in our country. This same minority-suppression narrative is being used to justify the need for H.R. 1 in the U.S. House of Representatives which would amount to a federal takeover of our elections. Please consider how radical groups with an agenda may use your comments to suit their end goals now and later down the line.

Since my April 1st letter, I have heard from many Delta employees from Georgia's Third Congressional District who support the new election integrity law and are hoping that once you have read this bill, you will retract your comments.

I can only take your silence to mean that either you still have yet to read the bill and as such do not yet understand how negligent your comments were or that your silence serves as a tacit admission that you stand by your irresponsible, pandering rhetoric.

Mr. Bastian, I will conclude this letter by again asking for you to detail why you believe SB 202 to be a voter suppression bill. I look forward to your timely reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "A. Drew Ferguson IV". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "A." and last name "Ferguson" clearly legible, followed by "IV" in a smaller, more stylized script.

A. Drew Ferguson IV, DMD  
Member of Congress